

**REMARKS**

Applicants have canceled claims 3, 4 and 9, and have added new claims 12 and 13.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgement that claims 6 and 8 contain allowable subject matter. Applicants have chosen to maintain claim 6 and 8 in their present form in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-5, 7 and 9-11 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) on Piper (U.S. Patent No. 6,294,264) both alone and in view of Kuckertz (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0012756). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to recite that, "the film consists of a monolayer polyester resin film or a polystyrene resin film" as described at least at page 9, line 20, through page 10, line 24, of applicants' specification. Neither Piper nor Kuckertz discloses or suggests such a feature. The disclosure of Piper only relates, "to thermoplastic packaging materials and, more specifically, to flexible, multilayer films" (emphasis added, col. 1, lines 6-8). Piper does not disclose a monolayer film.

Kuckertz also fails to disclose a film consisting of a monolayer polyester resin film or a polystyrene resin film as recited in claim 1. Instead, Kuckertz discloses single layer films consisting of polypropylene-based polymers, and multilayer films of which a polyester layer is merely one of the multiple film layers. The single layer films of Kuckertz do not consist of polyester or polystyrene resins and the films that do contain these materials are multilayer films, not monolayer films.

Accordingly, neither Piper nor Kuckertz, alone or in combination, discloses or suggests all of the features recited in claim 1, which is therefore allowable.

Claim 2 recites features substantially similar to those discussed above with regard to claim 1. Accordingly, claim 2 is also allowable. Claims 2, 5-8 and 10-13 depend from allowable claims 1 and 2 and are therefore allowable due at least to their respective dependencies.

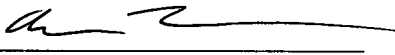
No new matter has been added.

Applicants solicit an early action allowing the claims.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief, including extensions of time, and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing Attorney Docket No. **204552033100**.

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